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Robert B. Thomas
Rancho Equipment Services
5626 North 3000 West
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Re: Acceptance of Reduced Surety, Rancho Equipment Services, Topaz Valley Limestone Mine,
M/023/022, Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Thomas:

On June 15, 2000, Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc. forwarded a surety rider, issued by the Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania. The rider reduces the reclamation surety amount from \$40,900 to \$11,800 for your Topaz Valley Limestone Mine. This reduction was authorized by the Division Director.

The reclamation surety was reduced because of the reclamation performed at your mine site. All reclamation has been performed except for reseeding of the 15.8 disturbed acres, which you stated will be completed this fall. The remaining \$11,800 surety is to cover the cost of the reseeding and cannot be released until the site has met revegetation success standards, which could take up to three years or more.

Thank you for your efforts in completing this reclamation work. We also commend your unsolicited efforts of reclaiming approximately two additional acres of pre-law disturbance that was not part of your active mining operations. Please contact us when you believe the revegetation success standard has been met and you want the balance of the surety bond released.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or Tom Munson of my staff at (801) 538-5286 and 538-5321, respectively.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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cc: Kenneth Nelson, Meadow Valley Contractors

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